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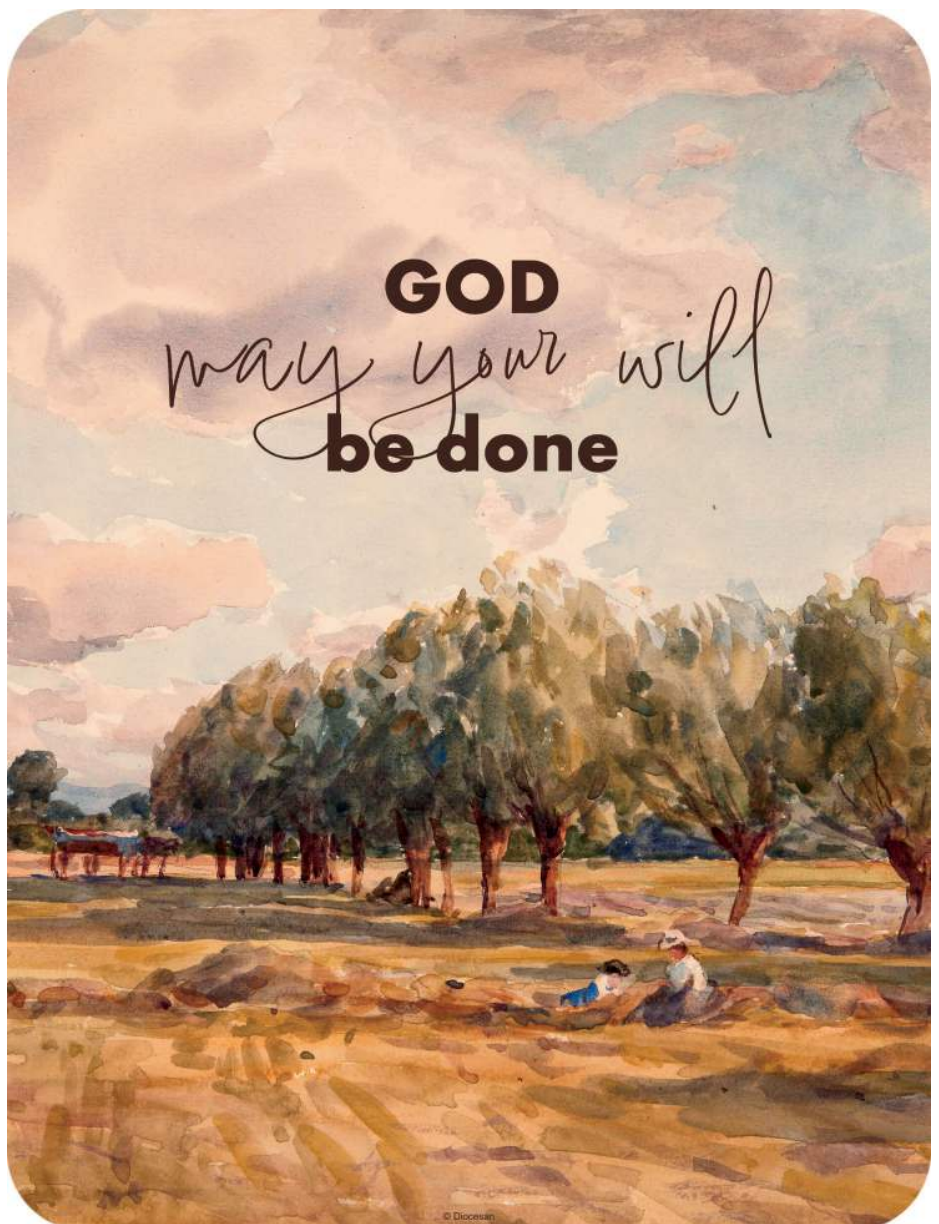
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3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
4. Bookmark the parish webpage



*September 27, 2026
Twentieth-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Full-Time Teaching Position

STS has an immediate opening for a Fourth Grade Teacher. Please share this with anyone you think might be a good fit at St. Thomas. The right candidate could come from a variety of backgrounds. We would welcome:

- A recently retired teacher who would enjoy returning to the classroom in a small-class setting with a supportive staff and team.
- A stay at home parent that has a teaching degree and wants to get back into the classroom
- A recent college graduate, whether in education or another field, who is interested in beginning a career in teaching.
- Someone with a bachelor's degree who is interested in transitioning from a career in business, science, mathematics, or another field into education.
- An experienced school aide with a bachelor's degree who is ready to take on a larger teaching role.

We are looking for someone who is caring, hard working, dedicated, and excited to be part of our STS community. We are also willing to provide direction and support for someone with a bachelor's degree that would like to pursue getting their teaching certificate.

If you know someone who may be a good fit, please share this opportunity with them or encourage them to reach out to me at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net



Readings for the Week of September 27

Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Phillipians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32
Monday	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr Job 1: 6-22; Luke 9: 46-50
Tuesday	STS. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 OR Revelation 12: 7-12ab; John 1: 47-51
Wednesday	St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church Job 9: 1-12, 14-16; Luke 9: 57-62
Thursday	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Dr. of the Church Job 19: 21-27; Luke 10: 1-12
Friday	The Holy Guardian Angels Job 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5; Matthew 18: 1-5, 10
Saturday	Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10: 17-24
Sunday	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 5: 1-7; Phillipians 4: 6-9; Matthew 21: 21: 33-43

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 28, 2026

7:00 a.m. Jim & Angela Kenny/Rich & Colleen Lavin & Family

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

7:00 a.m. Tho Dang/Loc & Linh Luong

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

7:00 a.m. Angie Cassidy/Stoney & Liz Jockisch
8:00 a.m. Jodi Odum/Nan Groggen

Thursday, October 1, 2026

7:00 a.m. Intentions of the Carmelite Community of Mary, Mother of God of the Blessed Sacrament/
Mary Ann Noe
Schl Mass Aniceta Mendoza/Sarmiento & Tolentino Family

Friday, October 2, 2026

7:00 a.m. Raymond Little/John & Amy Kelly
8:00 a.m. Annie Holland-Morrissey/Kevin Morrissey

Saturday, October 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. Intentions of LOTW Small Groups
5:00 p.m. Lawrence Matthews/The Pilat Family

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. Mark Olson/Steve & Edie Brereton
10:00 a.m. Dave Ryon/Family
5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of September 27

SIGN-UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION After all Masses this weekend

WHY IT'S GREAT TO BE CATHOLIC Monday, September 28, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

ROSARY Tuesday, September 29, 10:00 a.m., Chapel

CCD Wednesday, September 30, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

WOMEN OF THE WORD Thursday, October 1, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

TMIY Friday, October 2, doors open 6:00, program 6:30 a.m., ends by 7:30 a.m., Parish Hall

ADORATION Friday, October 2, after 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m., Church

MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING Friday, October 2, Mt. Hawley Golf Course

WELL READ MOM BOOK CLUB Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall

CHURCH CLEANING Saturday, following 8:00 a.m. Mass, Church

Upcoming Events

Octoberfest October 17
Progressive Dinner November 1

Our Sympathy

Please pray for those who have died this Week

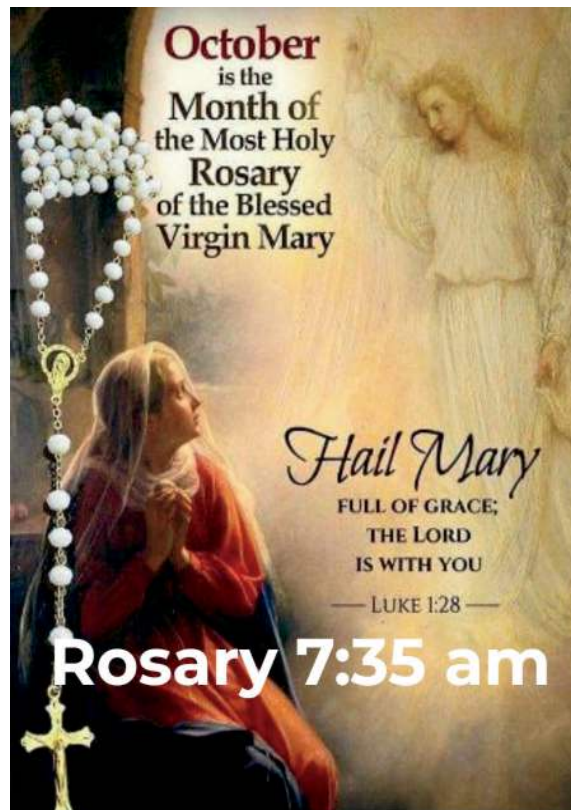


Once each month we pause to spend time before our Lord during the hours of Adoration.

Please consider signing up to spend some time in quiet prayer with our Lord.

Friday, October 2

Beginning after 8:00 a.m. Mass and continuing throughout the day, until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.



Pray with the Pope

September 2026

For The Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Weekly Collection

August 30, 2026

Fiscal YTD

Collections Needed.....	\$20,500	\$184,500
Sunday Collections.....	\$15,015	\$121,881
Electronic Collections.....	\$1,020	\$31,889
Total Collected.....	\$16,035	\$153,770
Over/(Short).....	\$(4,465)	\$(30,730)

Your Support of St. Thomas Parish is important to sustain our mission. Please remember to contribute regularly with your envelopes or checks in our regular Sunday collection. Electronic contributions can be made through direct debit or by using the Giving tab on our website: stthomaspeoria.org. Thank you for your support.

Sponsor of the Week





Catholic Women's League of Peoria, IL Hosts: Pathway Ministries Shower

Date: Sunday, October 11, 2026

Place: St Thomas the Apostle Church, Lower-
Level 904 E Lake Avenue, Peoria Heights IL
61616

Time: 1:30-3:30 PM

Light Refreshments Served

Peoria Rescue Ministries, founded in 1955,
changed its name in 2024 to Pathway
Ministries: From Poverty to Progress to focus on
men and women clients who are on the
journey to meet new life goals.

There is no fee to attend this event. Instead,
we are asking you to bring one or more items
from

the Pathway Ministries Pantry's Need List:

Items requested: ALL - Twin Sheets &
Pillowcases, Bus Passes, Band Aids, Book Bags

Women – Deodorant, Razors, Reading Glasses,
Underwear (all sizes)

Men – Deodorant, Razors, Reading Glasses,
Underwear (Boxers – all sizes)

Cash or check donations are accepted too.
Checks should be made payable to Catholic
Women's League. If you are unable to attend
but still want to participate, please mail your
check to Catholic Women's League at P. O.
Box 9674, Peoria IL 61612-9674. (All monetary
donations will be paid to Pathway Ministries by
check from Catholic Women's League).

If you have any questions, please call or text
Ann Gerardo - 630-464-8474



St. Thomas Food Pantry

While all donations are greatly appreciated,
of particular need at this time are: peanut
butter, saltines and pasta sauce.

Thank you!



When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus

Today, September 27th is the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul.

The following is an excerpt from a message Pope Leo XIV recently gave to The Society. It speaks to St. Vincent De Paul's legacy and holiness:

"St. Vincent De Paul demonstrated that prayer and social justice are not merely complementary but are in fact inseparable. It is therefore my hope that you will continually turn to your heavenly patron in order to follow his example and seek his intercession.

We therefore believe that caring for others, when motivated by love, not only helps those in need but also opens the heart of the giver to God's grace (cf. no. 46). Dear friends, I urge you, then, always to give of yourselves. In this way, the Lord's grace will steadily purify your hearts and minds, and you will more readily recognize Christ in your neighbor, both in those you serve and in those with whom you work."

On behalf of the St. Thomas conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, thank you for your generosity and for opening your hearts and making it possible for us to open ours, to God's Grace.

- Chris Clemons

In August 2026:

58 calls for help were recieved

\$17,506 assistance provided for our neighbors (about \$330 per family)

Rosary for Peace

Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Small Chapel—St. Thomas Church
Where two or three gather in My name, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20

Prayers offered: Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, and a Spontaneous Intercessory Prayers

Duration: 30 minutes or free to leave early
All parishioners and friends welcome



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OCTOBER LIFE NIGHT

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Dinner is provided!**



EST. 2024
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**OCT. 18
6-8PM**

See you at St. Vincent
de Paul Parish Hall!

Does your rosary need repair?

Place it inside the envelope with your name and phone number. Leave it in the red repair/donation bin on the table at the right side of the narthex, or contact Mets Ginoli at 773-517-7851. You can your collect repaired rosary in a week.



Still accepting broken, old, or new rosaries and rosary parts (beads, centers, and crucifixes) to be rescued and donated.

Please consider joining our team of volunteer Extraordinary Ministers at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center. Join us in the hospital's Gandhi meeting room for an informational meeting on Tuesday October 27th at 6:00 p.m. and training session on Tuesday November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. These volunteers perform a great service to the Church, by distributing Holy Communion to God's people on those occasions where they are hospitalized.

If you are interested in learning about this ministry to the sick, please scan to register



Contact information
John R. Phillips, Administrative Secretary,
Pastoral Care Department
john.r.phillips@osfhealthcare.org
(309) 655-2084



Catholic Spirit Radio is hosting a one-day pilgrimage on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026**, to **The National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown** (Year of St. Francis Indulgence Site) in **Libertyville, IL** and to the **National Shrine of St. Jude** in **Chicago, IL**. **Register at** catholicspiritradi.com. For questions, call Kathy at (309) 828-6554 or Carolyn at (309) 830-4164.

Parish Registration

Complete this form and drop it in the collection basket, or mail to the Parish Office or Register on our website at stthomaspeoria.org. Under About open the New Parishioner Registration, complete and submit the form.

Last Name _____

First Name(s) _____ Mr ___ Mrs ___ Ms ___

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Would you like to be contacted by the New Parishioner Welcoming Committee? Yes _____ No _____

New Parishioner _____ Change of address/ phone _____

COME LEARN ABOUT US!

Meet students and parents!

You are invited to the home of a Chesterton family to meet students, parents, faculty, and learn about the school. Childcare available.

Wed, Sep 30 North Peoria

Wed, Oct 7 Washington

6:30 - 8:00 PM
Please register ahead of time.

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How to Submit Bulletin Information
Send information for the bulletin to parishoffice@stthomas-church.net with subject Bulletin.

Submissions are due by Friday noon, one full week prior.

Send images or logos separately as attachments.

Submissions may be edited for content and length. Please, DO NOT send PDFs.

Sacrament of Baptism
Parents participate in a Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Email Kate Crim at kate-crim@stthomas-church.net to schedule the class.

Confessions
Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 4:00-4:45p.m.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Staff are also available by email or voicemail. To leave a message, call 309-688-3446, and at the prompt, press:

3 - Fr. John

0 - Tracey - Administrative Assist. 1341 -

1310 - Kate - Faith Formation

1301 - Peggy - Bulletin

If you have items to deliver for the Parish Office, you are welcome to put them through the mail slot of the Office downstairs in the Church, or under the door of the main Sacristy upstairs. The Church is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day.



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